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**Council on Elementary and
Secondary Education**

TO: Members of the Board of Education

Daniel P. McConaghy
Chair

FROM: Jim Purcell, Ed.D., Commissioner of Postsecondary
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RE: Approval of the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget
Requests, Tuition and Fee Rates, and Tables of Organization for
FY 2018 and the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Allocations
for FY 2017 and Recommendation to the Board of Education.

**Council on Postsecondary
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Please find attached a summary of the budgets from the
institutions and the system office. Extensive work has been done
by institutional and office finance staff to develop these materials
for you following the Council meeting on November 9, 2016.

The state's revenue forecast indicates that this year could be a
difficult one. And thus there will be limited new state support
coming this year. The increase in healthcare costs and the costs
associated with the employee raises/union contracts will
certainly be the dominant factors influencing next year's budget.
After conversations with DOA and the Governor's Office staff,
the institutions were asked to develop a budget based upon the
following parameters:

Revenue Increases over FY17 Enacted

	<i>URI</i>	<i>RIC</i>	<i>CCRI</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>State general revenue</i>	4,649,635	2,192,580	2,949,585	9,791,800
<i>Tuition and fee increase of up to 7.0% (in-state)</i>				

Both the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Council and the Council itself have
deliberated over these budget requests and have asked the institutions and the system
office to consider only the most efficacious initiatives designed to further the Council's
agenda for student success and affordability.

I ask that, in your deliberations on this budget, you consider what is possible in a difficult budget year and what tuition increases would be acceptable to the students, the legislature, the Governor and the citizens.

Accordingly, I recommend:

THAT the R.I. Board of Education approves the Public Higher Education System's budget request for the 2018 fiscal year as presented, sending it to the State Budget Office for inclusion in the Governor's Recommended Budget, and further

THAT the R.I. Board of Education approves the Public Higher Education System's tuition, mandatory fees, and auxiliary enterprise fees for the 2018 fiscal year as presented, sending it to the State Budget Office for inclusion in the Governor's Recommended Budget, but reserving the right to re-adjust tuition and fees as needed upon notification of the Governor's recommendation and, later, upon the action of the legislature, and further

THAT the R.I. Board of Education approves the Public Higher Education System's Tables of Organization for the 2018 fiscal year as presented, sending it to the State Budget Office for inclusion in the Governor's Recommended Budget, and further

THAT the R.I. Board of Education approves the Public Higher Education System's budget allocation for the 2017 fiscal year as presented, sending it to the State Budget Office for inclusion in the Governor's Recommended Budget.